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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM ENG. M.H. TOUFIQUI, PRESIDENT OF INDUSTRIES, MINISTRY OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES, KABUL, REFERRING TO THE TENDER REPORTED REFTEL AND REPAIR ON A VERTICAL WOOL FACTORY IN KANDAHAR PRODUCING 600,000 METERS OF WOOLEN CLOTH AND 300,000 KGS. WOOLEN YARN PER YEAR. THIS PREVIOUS TENDER WAS COMBINED WITH THE TENDER ON THE KANDAHAR COTTON TEXTILE PROJECT. THE TENDER WAS ISSUED MAY 18, 1975 AND REQUESTED RESPONSES BY JUNE 21, 1975.

2. TOUFIQUI NOW STATES THAT "SINCE SUFFICIENT OFFERS WERE NOT RECEIVED, WE ARE RETENDERING THE PROJECT" AND REQUESTS RESPONSES "ON OR BEFORE THE 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1975". HE WISHES TO RECEIVE FULL OR PARTIAL OFFERS, GIVING DETAILED COSTS OF MACHINERY, BUILDINGS, ETC., SEPARATELY. THE SPECIFICATIONS SUPPLIED UNDER COVER OF REPAIR REMAIN UNCHANGED.

3. THE LETTER REQUESTS RESPONSES "INDICATING THE DETAILS OF THE MACHINERY AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENTS FOR SETTING UP THE ABOVE PLANT IN DIFFERENT SECTIONS, E.G., WOOL SCOURING SYSTEM, WORSTED SYSTEM, SEMI-WORSTED SYSTEM, WOOLEN SUSTEM, RE-COMBING DEPARTMENT FOR FINE WORSTEDS AND

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ANCILLARY SECTIONS, POWER HOUSE, ETC."

4. EMBOFF POINTED OUT TO TOUFIQUI THAT REASON FOR LACK OF RESPONSES WAS PROBABLY INSUFFICIENT LEAD TIME, AND THAT RETENDER PROVIDES EVEN SHORTER LEAD TIME. HE REPLIED THAT HE HOPES THAT SOME COMPANIES HAD BEGUN CONSIDERING PROJECT ON BASIS FIRST TENDER, AND THAT THIS ADDITIONAL TIME WILL ENABLE THEM TO COMPLETE THEIR OFFER.

5. HUGH BALLARD, PRESIDENT OF AMATEX, IS IN KABUL IN CONNECTION WITH COTTON TEXTILE PROJECT. COPY OF TOUFIQUI'S LETTER HAS BEEN PASSED TO HIM.
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